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EA - Mr. Pearey

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EA - Josiah W. Bennett

Proposal to Assist GRC Raids Against the Mainland by Loan of a Vessel

Since the attached memorandum of October 26 was received we have been informed that the vessel described therein which was to be lent to the GRC is no longer available. Another vessel is being sought in its place, but to acquire it will take some time. We understand that our approval in principle for the loan of the vessel to the GRC is still sought, though we have been told informally that this matter is "on the back burner".

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Grant of ACA, who is inclined to recommend against giving approval. I feel myself that we do not have sufficient information on the project to make a decision intelligently. I therefore propose, and Mr. Grant concurs, that we ask the Agency to meet with us to give us more facts. I think we could use this meeting as an occasion to bring ourselves up-to-date on GRC raiding activity and to review in general the degree to which it should receive U.S. guidance and support.

Although we have been told the matter is not urgent, I think it would be prudent not to hold it in suspense much longer. Perhaps we could set up a meeting with the Agency right after the Christmas holiday.

Attachment:

Memorandum of October 26.

Clearance:

ACA - Mr. Grant

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